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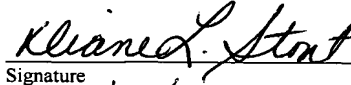
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US Patent Publication 20020024231 is an English patent family member of DE 100 32 378, which was cited in the International Search Report of the PCT application from which the present application is derived, and also discussed in the Background Section of the present specification. As such, Applicant believes that a concise explanation of the relevance of this reference may be found in either the ISR or the Background Section of the present application.

EP 0 261 379 and DE 195 03 786 were each also cited in the ISR, such that a concise explanation of relevance of these two references may be found in the ISR. Additionally, the B1 publication of EP 0 261 379 is being submitted herewith as this document includes a

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